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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

A garment for cooling a human being wearing a protective vest, ~~said cooling~~  
~~garment having~~ comprising a sheet of stretchable material with an inner surface and an outer  
surface and a plurality of ~~raised protrusions~~ ridge-and-channel ribs forming air channels on  
~~said the~~ inner surface directed generally toward a wearer[, said]]. The cooling garment ~~also~~  
~~having~~ further comprises a detachable air exhaust fan and power supply. The garment may  
have two or more connectable sections. The ~~protrusions~~ ribs are connected to the inner  
surface, and are made of a moisture resistant material, such as polyethylene. The sheet  
material is stretchable to conform to the body contours to aid in the air flow through the air  
channels.